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SUBJECT: KOREA AT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

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1. ROK POLITICAL COUNSELOR CHONG-HA YOO CALLED ON DIRECTOR IO/UNP JULY 9 ON INSTRUCTIONS TO SEEK RENEWAL USG SUPPORT FOR KOREAN POSITION ON PARTICIPATION IN NAC. YOO STRESSED THE HOPE THAT A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF DELEGATES WOULD SPEAK OUT AGAINST NORTH KOREAN NON-ALIGNED CREDENTIALS IN ORDER TO PREVENT A CONSENSUS DECLARATION BY THE PERUVIAN CHAIRMAN ON THEIR MEMBERSHIP. (YOO CLAIMED THAT NAC MEMBERSHIP DECISIONS ARE REACHED BY CONSENSUS NOT BY VOTE.)

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2. IN SEEKING SUCH SUPPORT, YOO SAID ROKG LOOKS

ESPECIALLY TO SAUDI ARABIA AS A KEY ELEMENT BECAUSE OF THE STRONG ANTI-COMMUNIST STANCE SAUDI ARABIA TAKES AND ALSO THE INCREASINGLY CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE CLAIMED THAT SAUDI ARABIA, HOWEVER, IS UNCERTAIN ABOUT ATTENDING THE NAC AND FOR THIS REASON HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO URGE US TO ENCOURAGE SAUDI ARABIAN PARTICIPATION.

- 3. THIS APPROACH PARALLELS RECENT ROKG EFFORTS IN JIDDA AND SEOUL (REFTELS). ALL INDICATIONS POINT IN DIRECTION OF THE NAC BEING AN IMPORTANT FORUM FOR ASCERTAINING THIRD-WORLD SENTIMENTS TOWARD THE TWO KOREAN GOVERNMENTS. NAC ATTITUDE ON ADMISSION OF TWO KOREAS WILL PROVIDE IMPORTANT PREVIEW OF VOTING PATTERNS ON KOREAN RESOLUTION AT UNGA. REQUEST THAT YOU CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH ROK EMBASSY ON THIS MATTER AND PROVIDE SUPPORT AS APPROPRIATE TO ROK EFFORTS TO ASSURE SAG ATTENDANCE AND SUPPORT AT NAC.
- 4. WHILE WE WISH TO AVOID APPEARING TO URGE SAUDI ARABIA TO BE A MORE ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP, WE BELIEVE THAT SINCE IT IS A MEMBER, IT SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH THE NON-ALIGNED CHARACTER OF THE MOVEMENT. SHOULD THE GROUP ACCEPT SUCH STATES AS NORTH KOREA AND NORTH VIETNAM INTO THEIR MIDST, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO REDUCE THE TENDENCY IN SOME QUARTERS TO ASSOCIATE THE NON-ALIGNED WITH THE COMMUNIST BLOC, ESPECIALLY IF THEY DID SO WHILE REJECTING A SOUTH KOREAN BID FOR MEMBERSHIP. SINCE NEW MEMBERS ARE BROUGHT IN BY A CONCENSUS, A FORTHRIGHT STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION TO NK'S APPLICATION, OR A STATEMENT THAT NON-ALIGNMENT REQUIRES EQUAL TREATMENT OF BOTH NK AND SK APPLICATIONS COULD EFFECTIVELY BLOCK A CONCENSUS ACTION. SAUDI ARABIA WOULD NOT NEED TO SEND FULL DELEGATION IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS PURPOSE. KISSINGER

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